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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to commit war crimes, State terrorism and countless other atrocities against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. On Saturday, 31 August 2002, the Israeli occupying forces attempted to carry out yet another extrajudiciary execution, firing two helicopter missiles at a car near the village of Tubas. Three people, including two children, were killed in that car. Two other children near the car were also killed and seven Palestinians were injured in the attack as well.

The following day, Sunday, 1 September 2002, the Israeli occupying forces killed four Palestinian workers, including twin brothers, in cold blood. It appears that, in the early hours of the day, the occupying forces abducted the workers from a rock quarry where they worked near the village of Beit Naim and shot them while they were in their possession.

Today, the occupying Power seems posed to deport two Palestinians, Kifah Ajouri and Intisar Ajouri, from where they live near the city of Nablus to the Gaza Strip. The two are the brother and sister of Ali Ajouri, who was assassinated in an extrajudiciary execution committed by the occupying forces on 5 August 2002 and whose family home was demolished by the occupying forces last July. Obviously, such a deportation is in direct violation of article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War. Additionally, it constitutes a measure of collective punishment specifically prohibited by article 33 of the Convention.

All of the above criminal and illegal actions come in the wake of the war crime mentioned in our letter of 29 August 2002, in which the Israeli occupying forces killed a Palestinian woman, her two children and a cousin, using tank shells and flechettes, shells filled with small dart-like arrows. Moreover, all of these criminal and illegal actions attest to the fact that the Israeli occupying forces, under the

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command of such persons as General Moshe Yaalon, who succeeded the war criminal General Shaul Mofaz as Chief of Staff of the army, and with the blessing of Ariel Sharon and his Government are not bound by any provisions of any relevant instruments of international law. Indeed, the occupying forces are using all types of criminal means and methods against the Palestinian people and even affirm such use publicly.

The international community, including the Security Council, responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security, has the duty to bring all of those criminal and illegal Israeli measures to a halt. We call upon the Security Council to take the necessary measures in this regard.

While the international community has been unable to take the necessary measures, the human rights violations, war crimes and State terrorism being committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people continue to mount and continue to be the cause of great suffering for Palestinian men, women and children in all areas of life. Indeed, the ongoing Israeli military siege and the death and destruction continuously being wrought by the Israeli occupying forces throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory has created a dire humanitarian crisis that continues to worsen with each passing day.

In follow-up to my previous 134 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 29 August 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-

S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182; A/ES-10/149-S/2002/186; A/ES-10/150-S/2002/214; A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223; A/ES-10/152-S/2002/232; A/ES-10/154-S/2002/242; A/ES-10/155-S/2002/248; A/ES-10/156-S/2002/245; A/ES-10/157-S/2002/253, A/ES-10/158-S/2002/258; A/ES-10/159-S/2002/281; A/ES-10/160-S/2002/307; A/ES-10/161-S/2002/319; A/ES-10/162-S/2002/330; A/ES-10/163-S/2002/340; A/ES-10/164-S/2002/353; A/ES-10/165-S/2002/361; A/ES-10/166-S/2002/370; A/ES-10/167-S/2002/433; A/ES-10/168-S/2002/474; A/ES-10/169-S/2002/495; A/ES-10/173-S/2002/536; A/ES-10/174-S/2002/555; A/ES-10/175-S/2002/610; A/ES-10/176-S/2002/617; A/ES-10/177-S/2002/641; A/ES-10/178-S/2002/650; A/ES-10/179-S/2002/654; A/ES-10/180-S/2002/686; A/ES-10/181-S/2002/697; A/ES-10/182-S/2002/699; A/ES-10/183-S/2002/717; A/ES-10/184-S/2002/738; A/ES-10/185-S/2002/827; A/ES-10/190-S/2002/891 and A/ES-10/192-S/2002/976), it is my regret to inform you that since my last letter to you, at least 15 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of Palestinian martyrs killed since 28 September 2000 to 1,787 people. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified thus far are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 3 September 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Saturday, 31 August-Monday, 2 September 2002)

Saturday, 31 August 2002

1. Raafat Abdellatif Daraghameh
2. Yazeed Yussef Abdelraziq (16 years old)
3. Shary Mohammed Abdelrahman Sobih (15 years old)
4. Bahira Burhan Muflih Daraghameh (6 years old)
5. Osama Muflih Daraghameh (12 years old)
6. Ribhi Jasser Mahmoud

Sunday, 1 September 2002

1. Ghassan Hamdi Al-Shabi (Died from wounds sustained on 24 August 2002)
2. Yussef Attallah
3. Abdelkarim Bassam Ragheb Al-Saadi (16 years old)
4. Attiya Kayed Al-Mashne
5. Hisham Na'eem Al-Halayqeh
6. Hussam Na'eem Al-Halayqeh
7. Alaa Atef Ayaydeh

Monday, 2 September 2002

1. Islam Wajih Nasser Ghanem (9 years old)
2. Ashoor Mohammed Al-Shanbary

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,787